

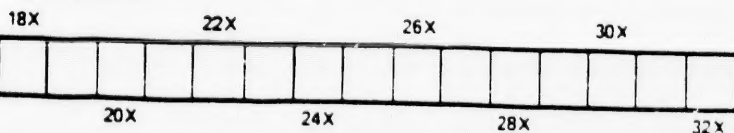
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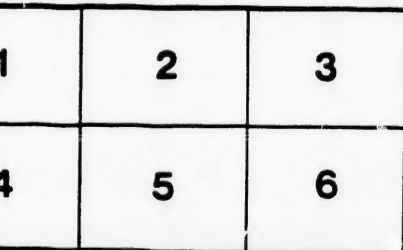
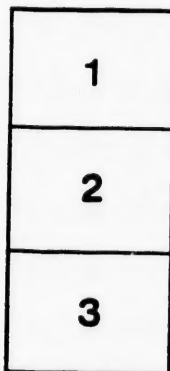
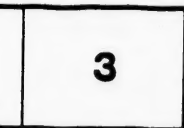
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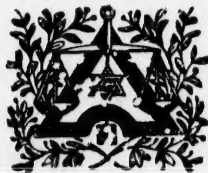
Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

—HELD AT—

Esquimalt, Vancouver Island,

1st Wednesday in Every Month.

DISPENSATION GRANTED 11 DECEMBER, 1893.
WARRANT GRANTED 10 JULY, 1894.



VICTORIA, B. C.:

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APPAREL IN LODGE.

Every member and visitor attending this Lodge is desired to appear in proper dress, which shall be understood to mean dark clothing, naval or military uniform; but no Brother will be permitted to enter the Lodge without the masonic clothing appertaining to the three degrees of Masonry; but jewels consistant with those degrees of pure and ancient Masonry, recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, may be worn.

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SUBMISSION TO GRAND LODGE.

1. This Lodge fully acknowledges the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and will pay due respect to its Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations.

NAME AND CONSTITUTION OF LODGE.

2. This Lodge shall be known by the name of "United Service," No. 24, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," and its officers shall consist of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Director of Ceremonies, two Stewards, an Inner Guard, a Tyler, and such other officers as the Lodge may deem proper to elect or appoint.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

3. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler shall be elected annually by ballot at the regular Lodge meeting in June,

and installed at the regular Lodge meeting in July following, after which the other officers shall be installed and invested.

MODE OF CONDUCTING THE BALLOTING FOR OFFICERS.

4. The names of all members eligible for the Chair (who must previously have served as Warden in a regular Lodge) shall be written or printed on a sufficient number of slips of paper, one of which shall be given to every member present at the Lodge; each member shall then tear off the name of the Brother for whom he votes, and shall deposit the same in the ballot box. Two scrutineers shall be appointed to examine them, and the Brother who shall receive the majority of all the votes present shall be declared to be elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

5. The election of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler shall take place immediately afterwards, and be conducted in a similar manner, each member writing the name of the Brother he wishes to elect for the several offices on a slip of paper, and deposit the same in the ballot box. After examination by the scrutineers, the Brother receiving the majority of all the votes present shall be declared to be elected.

MEETINGS OF THE LODGE.

6. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held monthly on the first Wednesday, in the Masonic Temple, Esquimalt, at 6.30 p. m., or at such hours as may from time to time be

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7. Special meetings may be called by the W. M. upon any emergency which he in his judgment may deem proper; the business to be transacted shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon. The minutes of such meeting shall not be confirmed at any subsequent Lodge of emergency, but shall be submitted for confirmation at the next succeeding regular Lodge meeting.

8. Any Brother or candidate at whose instance and request an emergent meeting shall be called, shall pay the sum of \$5 to defray the expenses of such emergency meeting; and all fees for dispensations shall be paid by the Brother asking for the same.

9. Three clear days' notice of all meetings shall be given every member within hail. This time limit shall not apply to funerals.

DUES AND FEES.

10. The annual subscription for members and who may join or be initiated in this Lodge, and not connected with either the Navy, Army, or Dominion services, shall be nine dollars, but if connected with the services six dollars annually, to be paid quarterly in advance; and no member shall be eligible for office in the Lodge, or have a right to vote, whilst his name appears on the books in arrears for over six months.

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ARREARS.

11. All subscriptions and fees being payable in advance are therefore arrears if not so paid.

12. In case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of twelve months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that unless either at or before the first Wednesday in the following quarter such dues be paid up, or it be shown that such refusal is from inability, he shall be declared suspended from the privileges of Masonry by the Master. But the Lodge may remit his dues or grant him further time if it is expedient.

FEES FOR DEGREES.

13. The table of fees shall be as follows:—	
For the Degree of Entered Apprentice,....	\$25
“ “ Fellow Craft	10
“ “ Master Mason.....	15

AFFILIATION.

14. Fee for affiliation.....\$ 5

15. At the ballot for admitting a Brother to join by affiliation his Grand Lodge certificate must be produced, together with the certificate from his former Lodge that all dues are paid. No Brother shall be eligible until he shall have visited the Lodge.

16. Any applicant for affiliation who is only an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, having been regularly admitted by ballot, shall have the privilege of taking the Fellow Craft or

Master Mason's degree on payment of the following fees, viz.:—

For the Fellow Craft degree.....\$15
 " Master Mason's degree..... 15

PETITIONS.

17. All petitions for initiation or affiliation must state the age, residence and occupation, and bear the signature in full of the petitioner, also be recommended by two members of the Lodge. (The above particulars to be placed on the summons). Every such petition shall be referred to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report at the next regular meeting (unless further time be granted), when the applicant may be balloted for, and received or rejected as the Lodge may determine.

18. The candidate for initiation must be a free man and of free birth, of the full age of 21 years, of unimpeachable character, in respectable circumstances, and a resident in the Province for at least twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of this Lodge during six months preceding the date of his application, except in the case of a person belonging to the Navy, Army, or mercantile marine, whose application, though he have not that qualification of residence, may be received in accordance with the Constitution.

19. All petitions for initiation shall be accompanied with a deposit of the sum of \$10, to be placed in the hands of the Secretary. If the candidate be not elected the deposit shall be returned; but if the candidate be elected, and

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does not present himself for initiation within three months after his election (unless sufficient cause be shown for his non-attendance), the election shall be void, and the deposit forfeited to the general fund of the Lodge. In every case when a candidate is rejected the Secretary shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary.

20. All applicants for affiliation must in every case be balloted for.

21. All fees for Initiation, Passing, or Raising, shall be due the night the ceremony takes place, and shall be paid to the Secretary before the degree is conferred.

FORM FOR JOINING MEMBERS.

22. To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of United Service Lodge, No. 24, B. C. R.

Having been duly Initiated, Passed and Raised in the Mysteries of Freemasonry in _____ Lodge, No. _____ Constitution, now seek to become a member of United Service Lodge if found worthy, and I do hereby declare that I am not in arrears with my former Lodge.

Witness my hand this _____

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Recommended by { Bro.
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DEMITTS.

24. Any Brother desirous of obtaining his
demit shall make personal or written applica-
tion in open Lodge for the same, and such
demit shall be granted, provided there are no
charges against him, and all dues are paid or
remitted by the vote of the Lodge.

BALLOTING, AND BEHAVIOUR AT.

25. In all ballots for candidates for initiation
one black ball shall reject, and every member
present shall cast his ballot. In all ballots for
affiliation three black balls shall reject.

26. No ballot shall be spread upon any ap-
plication for degrees (except by special dispen-
sation from the Grand Master) until informa-
tion has been received from the Grand Secret-
ary that the applicant is free from the Black
List, nor until notice of the name, age, profes-
sion and place of abode of the applicant shall
have been sent to all the members of the Lodge,
nor until the application shall have been re-
ferred to a committee, whose duty it shall be
to make strict investigation into the moral,
mental, physical and other proper qualifications
of the applicant, and report thereon at the next
meeting if he belongs to the Navy, otherwise
at the next regular meeting, unless further
time be granted.

27. No application for initiation shall be
withdrawn after reference to a committee, ex-
cept as hereinafter provided in this Section. If

the report of the committee or any member thereof be unfavourable no ballot shall be taken, and the Master, on the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected.

28. If the report be favourable the candidate shall be balloted for, and it shall take an unanimous vote to elect.

29. If but one black ball appear in the ballot box, the Master, without declaring the result, shall order a second ballot spread for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be final. After one ballot has been taken, no discussion shall be permitted before the second ballot is taken, nor shall the second ballot be postponed until another meeting of the Lodge.

30. If the committee find the applicant disqualified in consequence of insufficient residence, they shall make a special report thereon, in which case the Master may direct the withdrawal of the application and order it recorded.

31. When a candidate for initiation or affiliation is rejected, or a Brother reprimanded, suspended or expelled, no member nor visitor shall reveal, either directly or indirectly, to such person, or to any other, any transactions which may have taken place on the subject; nor shall any proceedings of the Lodge, not proper to be made public, be disclosed outside thereof, under penalty of reprimand, suspension or expulsion, as the Lodge may determine;

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VISITORS.

32. No visitor shall be admitted into this
Lodge unless he be personally known, well
vouched for, or after due examination by a
committee of brethren present and duly ap-
pointed by the Worshipful Master; and during
his continuance in the Lodge he shall be sub-
ject to its by-laws.

33. Brethren who are not paying members of
some regular Lodge or contributing members
of this Lodge will be permitted to visit this
Lodge but once, unless summoned or invited
by the Lodge.

BEHAVIOUR IN LODGE.

34. At the sound of the Worshipful Master's
gavel there shall be a general silence, and no
Brother shall leave the Lodge without permis-
sion of the W. M.

35. Any Brother who shall so far forget him-
self and the respect due the Lodge as to appear
in a state of inebriety, or who shall make use of
immoral or uncourteous language, or who by
any improper conduct or behaviour shall
disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge,
for the first offence shall be admonished by the
Master; for the second offence of the same
nature he shall be ordered to leave the Lodge
for the evening; and should he on a third oc-
casion be guilty of a similar disrespect and im-

propriety, he shall be liable to be excluded after due notice by a vote of a majority of two-thirds of the brethren present, and reported to the Grand Master.

36. It shall be lawful for the Lodge to call brethren to account for all unmasonic conduct, and if after trial the accused shall be found guilty of anything whereby the institution may be injured or brought into disrepute, or has committed any capital crime, or has in any way wilfully or knowingly violated the laws of God or his country, the Lodge may proceed to reprimand, suspend or expel him.

37. Notification of the suspension, expulsion or restoration to masonic privileges of any member shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

PROCEDURE AND RULING.

38. 1. Reading the summons calling to meeting.
2. Reading and confirming minutes of previous meetings.
3. Reading correspondence.
4. Reading petitions.
5. Reports of committees.
6. Passing accounts.
7. General business, unfinished business, motions, elections, etc.
8. Balloting for candidates.
9. Conferring degrees.
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39. No motion shall be received unless submitted in writing with the names of the mover and seconder thereon, nor be open for discussion until stated to the Lodge by the Master. If the business to which it relates might suffer injury or inconvenience by delay, a ballot thereon may take place during the same meeting in Lodge. If no apparent necessity exists, the proposition shall be inserted in the notices for the next regular meeting, when the ballot thereon shall take place.

40. The votes of the members are given by each holding out his right hand, which hand shall be counted by the Master or Deacons, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

41. No Brother shall speak twice on the same subject without permission of the Master, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

42. A Brother desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing, and respectfully addressing the Master, shall confine his remarks to the question, and observe the strictest courtesy, order and decorum. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Brother or what he has said, or to interrupt him, except to call him to order, shall be publicly reprimanded by the Master.

43. On a point of order being raised while a Brother is speaking, or when called to order by the Master, he shall at once take his seat, when the point of order shall be stated by the

Brother objecting; the Master shall decide thereupon without debate, when, after having been set right, the Brother may proceed.

44. No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment.

45. A ballot shall be taken on a question called for by two members, either immediately before or after an open vote shall have been taken, but before the result has been declared by the Worshipful Master.

46. If the Master indicate a desire to speak while a Brother is on the floor, that Brother shall immediately sit down, that the Master be heard.

47. No private dispute or altercation shall be permitted during the Lodge hours on any subject, but the Master and Wardens shall be strictly attended to and punctually obeyed in their official capacity.

DECISION OF THE LODGE.

48. The decision of the Lodge upon general business questions shall be taken by show of hands, the W. M. or presiding officer, in case of equality of votes, giving the casting one.

49. The decision of the Lodge upon all motions, etc., which have been regularly brought forward, shall be considered binding upon every member of the Lodge, whether he was present or not at the meeting when such subject was brought forward, discussed and decided.

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READING THE MINUTES.

50. The minutes of the preceding regular meeting and of all meetings of emergency shall be read and put for confirmation as soon as the Lodge is open in the third degree.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

51. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens shall constitute a finance committee, whose duty it shall be to examine and certify to the correctness of all accounts presented against the Lodge before payment on the same can be made.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

52. A committee of audit, consisting of three Master Masons of this Lodge, shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in June, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary immediately after the regular meeting in June for investigation. This committee shall submit a clear and ample statement of the financial condition of the Lodge at the meeting held to install the officers for the ensuing year, and previous to the installation ceremony taking place.

53. The books of the Lodge shall be closed on the 1st of July of each year and (handed to the audit committee) remaining closed until the regular meeting in August following, the financial transactions thereof to be covered by the report of the Auditors.

54. The finance committee alone is empowered in the interim to order any expenditure

for the working of the Lodge, the accounts for which shall be laid before the Lodge at the next regular meeting for approval.

FUNDS AND PROPERTY,

55. All funds and property of this Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being in trust for the benefit and use of the Lodge, to be paid, applied and disposed of as the majority of members shall from time to time in due form direct; and an inventory of the jewels, furniture, etc., belonging to the Lodge shall be entered in the minute book, and a copy be given to the Master at his installation, who shall pass it to the Treasurer for safe keeping.

CHARITY.

56. All applications for relief must be made to the charity committee (consisting of the W. M. and Wardens), who shall carefully consider the same, and may grant relief if the applicant be found worthy, to the extent of \$10 without the consent of the Lodge.

• 57. The committee shall report to the Lodge through the Secretary any application for, and all cases where relief is granted during the preceding month, at each regular meeting of the Lodge.

58. Application for relief from any Brother whose necessity is caused by intemperance, or riotous or immoral living, shall be refused by the committee, and specially reported to the Lodge.

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THE TREASURER'S DUTY.

60. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Lodge from the hands of the Secretary and give receipt for the same; discharge all bills on the order of the Secretary, when duly vouched and sanctioned by the finance committee. He shall keep books in which his accounts of receipts and expenditure shall be regularly entered, so as to exhibit at one view the balance in his hands.

61. The accounts of the Treasurer and the vouchers in support thereof shall be annually submitted to the audit committee, as provided in Section 53 of these By-laws, and the balance in his hands shall be paid over to his successor in office at the meeting for installation, unless the Lodge may otherwise direct, and all sums over \$50 shall be deposited in a chartered bank, approved by the Lodge.

SECRETARY'S DUTY.

62. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Lodge proper to be written, and preserve in order all papers and documents belonging thereto. He shall keep a separate account for each member of the Lodge, and report at the regular meeting in June the amount due by each; he shall collect all dues, and pay the same to the Treasurer. He shall keep an account showing the fees and dues received for and payable to the Grand Lodge. He shall also issue all summons for

regular and emergent meetings; he shall make a special report to the Grand Secretary with the Grand Lodge returns of all charity expended during the year for the information of the Charlty Committee of the Grand Lodge; he shall take charge of the Lodge Seal; he shall sign all authorized certificates and affix the Lodge seal thereto, and perform all other duties as may properly appertain to his office, and at the installation of officers present a written report of the year's business, general and particular.

THE DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

63. The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the Tyler keep in good order the furniture and regalia of the Lodge, and make every requisite preparation for the reception and proceedings of the Lodge, and that every Brother be properly clothed, also give proper instruction to visitors and see they are introduced in due form, and that members and visitors are masonically placed according to their rank when in the Lodge or at refreshment.

TYLER'S DUTIES.

64. The Tyler shall receive the summonses from the Secretary, and deliver them to the members in due time; he shall attend punctually, and have the Lodge room prepared by the time notified in the summonses; he shall take care of the furniture, jewels and Lodge property. He shall be particular in seeing that every Brother subscribes his name in the book provided for that purpose, and that the Brother is properly clothed before he is announced.

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AUDITORS.

65. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit the accounts, and such Auditors shall report in writing on the day of installation of Officers, and at such other times as the Lodge may direct.

BY-LAWS.

66. These by-laws when approved by the the Grand Master, shall become law from the time of their approval being notified at a regular Lodge meeting, and may be amended, altered, or repealed, provided that a notice of such alteration, amendment, or repeal shall have been given at a regular meeting in writing to the Secretary, and notified in the summons for the next regular meeting or for a special meeting summoned for its consideration, also that they receive the sanction by vote of two-thirds of the members present, and the sanction of the Grand Master.

67. A copy of these by-laws shall be kept in the Lodge, to be signed by every member, and by every candidate raised, after having passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason's degree. Any addition, alteration or repeal, shall be added thereto, and noted therein as soon

as regularly carried and confirmed, and these by-laws together with such additions or alterations, shall be read at least once during each year, in open Lodge, at such times as the W.M., may consider most convenient.

68. These by-laws shall be printed, and a copy together with a copy of the constitutions, shall be given to every Brother, on being raised to the degree of Master Mason.

69. In all cases not provided for by these by-laws, this Lodge shall be governed by the the book of constitutions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

These by-laws were adopted at a special meeting of the Lodge held for that purpose.

Adopted in Lodge, 12th September, A. L. 5894; confirmed in Lodge, 3rd October, A. L. 5894.

G. HICKEY, W. M.	} Committee.
A. C. MUIR, S. W.	
H. P. HAMMOND, J. W.	
DAVID MCKNIGHT, SEC.	
JOHN BEATLEY, S. D.	
H. J. GEAKE, J. W.	
W. E. LEGGETT, M. M.	

Approved and confirmed by

R. B. McMICKING,

Grand Master.

September 24th, 1894.

Attest, Grand Secretary's Office, Victoria,
B. C., September 25th, 1894.

W. J. QUINLAN,

Grand Secretary.

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MASONIC BURIAL SERVICE.

None but Master Masons are entitled to be buried with the formalities of the Order, nor can any of lower rank take part in the proceedings of a Masonic burial.

The Brethren must be decently clothed in black, with crape upon the left arm, the proper Masonic clothing of their rank, and white gloves.

The Lodge shall be opened in the third degree of Masonry, and the W. M. shall announce the object for which it has been called.

In the event of more Lodges than one taking part in the ceremony, and opening in the different Lodge Rooms, the first portion of the service need only be said in that Lodge of which the deceased Brother was a member, or in the Lodge having charge of the burial. The other Lodges will open, and, after the W. M. has announced the object of the meeting, immediately form procession.

The Lodge having been declared duly open, and the W. M. having announced the purpose of the meeting, he shall call the Brethren to order, and the service shall proceed as follows:

W. M.—What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?

Response.—Man walketh in a vain shadow, he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

W. M.—When he dieth he shall carry nothing away, his glory not descend after him.

Response.—Naked came he into the world, and naked he must return.

W. M.—The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Response.—Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

W. M.—I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Here may be sung, at the discretion of the W. M., the following Hymn:

Solemn strikes the fun'ral chime,
Notes of our departing time;
So we journey here below,
Through a pilgrimage of woe.

Here another guest we bring;
Seraphs of celestial wing,
To our fun'ral altar come.
Wafe our friend and brother home.

Lord of all ! below—above—
 Fill our hearts with truth and love;
 When dissolves our earthly tie,
 Take us to Thy lodge on high.

The W. M. here receives a roll from the Secretary, and inscribes upon it the name, age, and Masonic rank of the deceased, and says:

Almighty Father, unto Thy hands we commend the soul of our departed Brother.

Response.—(Repeated three times, with the grand honors.) The Will of God is accomplished ! So mote it be ! Amen !

The W. M. then deposits the roll in the archives of the Lodge, and proceeds :

W. M.—Most gracious God, great architect of the universe, author of all good, and giver of all mercy, pour down, we implore Thee, Thy blessings upon us, grant that the solemnity of this occasion may bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love. May the present instance of mortality forcibly remind us all of our approaching and inevitable destiny, and weaning our affections from the things of this world, fix them more devotedly on Thee, our only sure refuge in the hour of need, and grant, O God, that when the awful summons shall arise for us to quit our transitory lodge on earth, the light which is from above may dispel the gloomy darkness of death, and departing hence with a full hope of a resurrection, and in charity with all men, we may, through Thy favor be admitted to Thy celestial lodge on high, to

to partake in peaceful re-union with the souls of our departed Brethren, the mysterious and unspeakable happiness of Thine everlasting kingdom.

Response.—So mote it be !

The procession is then formed. If more Lodges than one are in attendance, they shall rank according to seniority, the junior preceding, and each Lodge forming one division, in the following order :

The Tyler, with drawn sword.
Two Stewards, with white wands.
The Brethren, two and two, in order of seniority.
The Inner Guard, with a sword.
The Deacons, with wands.
Secretary and Treasurer,
The Wardens.
Past Masters.
The Worshipful Master.

Then shall follow the Lodge of which deceased was a member, or the Lodge having charge of the funeral, the members carrying sprigs of evergreen, in the following order:

Musicians.
Tyler, with drawn sword.
Stewards, with white wands.
The Brethren, in order of seniority.
Secretary and Treasurer.
The Wardens.
Past Masters.
The Holy Writings, on a cushion, covered with black cloth, carried by the oldest member of the Lodge.

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The Chaplain.

The Master, supported by the Deacons, one
on either side, carrying white wands.

The coffin, with the regalia of the deceased
thereon, and Pall Bearers on either side.

The Mourners.

When the procession arrives within convenient
distance of the grave, or at the gate of the
Cemetery, the Brethren will halt, and open
out right and left, and face inwards, to allow
the latter part of the procession to pass be-
tween them, in the following order :

The Chaplain.

The Master.

The Coffin.

The Mourners.

The Members of Deceased's Lodge in reverse
order.

The other Lodges in reverse order.

If only one Lodge is in attendance, the second
order of procession above described shall be
the order ; all visiting brethren being placed
immediately after the Stewards.

On arriving at the grave, the members of the
Lodge having charge of the funeral, will
form a circle around it, the officers standing
at the head, the mourners at the foot of the
grave. The W. M. proceeds as follows :

Once more, my Brethren, have we assembled
to perform the last sad and solemn duties to
the dead. The mournful notes which betoken

the departure of a spirit from this earthly tabernacle have again alarmed our outer door, and another has been taken to swell the numbers in that unknown land whither our fathers have gone before us.

Our brother has reached the end of life. The brittle thread which bound him to earth has been severed; and the liberated spirit has winged its flight to the unknown world. The silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken; the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel is broken at the cistern. The dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit has returned to God who gave it.

While we deplore the loss of our beloved Brother, and pay the fraternal tribute to his memory, let us not forget, my Brethren, that we, too, are mortal; that our bodies, now so strong and vigorous, must ere long, like his, become tenants of the narrow grave, and that our spirits, too, like his, must return to the God who spake them into existence. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." The Almighty FIAT has gone forth—"Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return,"—and that we are all subject to that dread decree, the solemn cause of our present meeting, the daily observation of our lives, and the mournful mounds which indicate this population of the dead, furnish evidence not to be forgotten.

Seeing then, my Brethren, that life is so uncertain and that all earthly pursuits are vain, let us no longer postpone the all important concern of preparing for eternity; but let us embrace the present moment, while time and opportunity offer, to provide against that great change when all the pomps and pleasures of this fleeting world will pall upon the sense, and the recollections of a virtuous and well-spent life will yield the only comfort and consolation. Thus we shall not be hurried, unprepared, into the presence of that all-wise and powerful Judge, to whom the secrets of all hearts are known; and on the great day of reckoning we shall be ready to give a good account of our stewardship while here on earth.

The following invocations are then rehearsed by the Master, and responded to by the Brethren.

Master.—May we be true and faithful and may we live and die in love.

Response.—So mote it be!

Master.—May we profess only that which is good, and may we always act in accordance with our profession.

Response.—So mote it be!

Master.—May the Lord bless us and prosper us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success.

Response.—So mote it be !

Master.—Glory to God in the highest! on earth peace, good will towards men.

Response.—So mote it be, henceforth and forever more. Amen.

The apron is then taken from the coffin and handed to the W. M. The coffin is deposited in the grave, and the W. M. continues:

The lambskin apron of a Mason is more ancient than the Golden Fleece, or Roman Eagle, and when worthily worn, more honorable than the Garter, or any other order in existence. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our brother. Let it testify that neither innocence nor honor can interpose between us and the universal dominion of death.

This evergreen (taking the sprig of acacia in his hand) is an emblem of the immortality of the soul. Let it remind us of our high and glorious destiny beyond the world of shadows and of that imperishable and immortal spirit within us, which the grave shall never receive and over which death can have no power.

The Officers of the Lodge (and all the Brethren if it can conveniently be done) then move around the grave, depositing therein the sprigs of evergreen; after which, the W. M. leading, the public grand honors are given thrice, the Brethren repeating each time :

The will of God is accomplished! So mote it be!

W. M.—From time immemorial it has been a custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his remains to the place of interment, and there to deposit them with the usual formalities. In conformity with this usage, and at the desire of our deceased Brother, whose loss we deplore, and whose memory we revere, we have assembled in the character of Masons to resign his body to the earth, whence it came, and to offer up to his memory before the world this last tribute of affection, thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our esteem for him, and our inviolable attachment to the principles of our Order.

Unto the grave we have consigned the body of our deceased Brother—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—there to remain until the last trumpet shall sound on the resurrection morn. We can trustfully leave him in the hands of that beneficent Being who has done all things well, and who is glorious in His power, and boundless in His goodness; and our endeavor should be so to improve the solemn warning now before us, that on the great day of account, we too may be found worthy to inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Response.—So mote it be!

W. M.—Almighty and most merciful God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

and before whom all men must hereafter appear to render an account of the deeds done in the body, we most earnestly beseech Thee, as we now surround the grave of our departed Brother, deeply to impress upon our minds the solemnities of this day. May we ever remember that in the midst of life we are in death, and so live and act our separate parts that when the hour of our departure is at hand we may be found acceptable in Thy sight.

Response.—So mote it be !

Then shall be said by all the Brethren the prayer, Our Father, etc.

Then may be sung, at the discretion of the W. M., the following Hymn :

Almighty maker of my frame,
 Teach me the measure of my days,
 Teach me to know how frail I am,
 And spend the remnant of thy praise.
 My days are shorter than a span ;
 A little point my life appears :
 How frail at best is dying man !
 How vain are all his hopes and fears !
 Vain his ambition, noise and show ;
 Vain are the cares which reck his mind ;
 He heaps up treasures mix'd with woe,
 And dies and leaves them all behind.
 O be a nobler portion mine !
 My God, I bow before Thy throne :
 Earth's fleeting treasures I resign,
 And fix my hope on Thee alone.

Benediction.—The Lord bless us and keep us : The Lord make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

Response.—Amen. So mote it be!

The procession will then reform and return to the Lodge Room, and the Lodge will be closed in the customary manner.



LIST OF MEMBERS, NOV. 1st, A. L. 5894.

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